

Claims

1. A content provision system comprising an information processing apparatus and an output apparatus
5 connected via a network, characterized in that:

said information processing apparatus includes:

transmission means which transmits, to said output apparatus, a message indicating that predetermined content is acquired, containing position information
10 indicating a position of said predetermined content, and being necessary for said output apparatus to acquire said predetermined content; and

provision means which provides said predetermined content to said output apparatus which
15 request provision of said predetermined content, and

said output apparatus includes:

indication means which indicates that there is outputable content in response to reception of said message; and

20 output means which requests said information processing apparatus to provide said predetermined content and allows a user to view and listen to said predetermined content provided from said information processing apparatus, in a case where said predetermined
25 content is instructed to be outputted in response to the indication from said indication means.

2. An information processing apparatus connected via a network to an output apparatus which outputs content,
30 characterized by having:

transmission means which transmits, to said output

apparatus, a message indicating that predetermined content is acquired, including position information indicating a position of said predetermined content, and being necessary for said output apparatus to acquire said
5 predetermined content, and .

provision means which provides said predetermined content to said output apparatus which requests provision of said predetermined content.

10 3. The information processing apparatus as claimed in Claim 2, characterized in that:

said transmission means can transmit said message in response to being equipped with a detachable recording medium.

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4. The information processing apparatus as claimed in Claim 2, characterized in that:

in a case of using said information processing apparatus and said output apparatus, when it is necessary
20 to input predetermined identification information, said transmission means transmits said message only to an available output apparatus into which the same identification information as the identification information inputted by a user into said information
25 processing apparatus is inputted.

5. The information processing apparatus as claimed in Claim 4, characterized in that:

said transmission means asks an information
30 management apparatus connected to said network, about said output apparatus defined to be available into which

the same identification information as the identification information inputted by the user into said information processing apparatus is inputted, so as to transmit said message to said output apparatus on the basis of an
5 inquiry result thereof.

6. An information processing method of an information processing apparatus connected via a network to an output apparatus which output content, characterized by
10 including:

a transmission step of transmitting, to said output apparatus, a message indicating that predetermined content is acquired, containing position information indicating a position of said predetermined content, and
15 being necessary for said output apparatus to acquire said predetermined content; and

a provision step of providing said predetermined content to said output apparatus which requests provision of said predetermined content.

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7. A program which causes a computer to execute an information processing performed via a network with an output apparatus which outputs content, said program characterized by including:

25 a transmission step of transmitting, to said output apparatus, a message indicating that predetermined content is acquired, containing position information indicating a position of said predetermined content, and being necessary for said output apparatus to acquire said
30 predetermined content; and

a provision step of providing said predetermined

content to said output apparatus which requests provision of said predetermined content.

8. An output apparatus connected via a network with an
5 information processing apparatus which acquires content, said output apparatus characterized by including:

indication means which indicates that there is
outputable content in response to reception of a message
indicating that predetermined content is acquired in said
10 information processing apparatus, containing position information indicating a position of said predetermined content, and being necessary to acquire said predetermined content; and

output means which requests said information
15 processing apparatus to provide said predetermined content, and outputs said predetermined content provided from said information processing apparatus, in a case where said predetermined content is instructed to be outputted in response to the indication from said
20 indication means.

9. The output apparatus as claimed in Claim 8, characterized by further including:

memory means which stores said position information.
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10. The output apparatus as claimed in Claim 9, characterized in that:

in a case where a plurality pieces of position
information are stored by the memory means on the basis
30 of said message transmitted from a plurality of information processing apparatuses, on the basis of a

piece of position information selected by a user from said plurality pieces of position information, said output means requests said information processing apparatus to provide said predetermined content, so as to
5 output said predetermined content provided from said information processing apparatus.

11. The output apparatus as claimed in Claim 8, characterized in that:

10 in a case of using said output apparatus and said information processing apparatus, when it is necessary to input said predetermined identification information, said indication means indicates that there is outputable content, in response to reception of a message which is
15 transmitted from said information management apparatus connected to said network, said message containing position information, indicating that predetermined content is acquired in an available information processing apparatus into which the same identification
20 information as identification information inputted by a user into said output apparatus is inputted.

12. An outputting method of an output apparatus connected via a network with an information processing
25 apparatus which acquires content, said method characterized by including:

an indication step of indicating that there is outputable content in response to reception of a message indicating that predetermined content is acquired in an
30 information processing apparatus, said message containing position information showing a position of said

predetermined content, and being necessary to acquire said predetermined content; and

an output step of requesting said information processing apparatus to provide said predetermined content, and outputting said predetermined content provided from said information processing apparatus, in a case where said predetermined content is instructed to be outputted in response to indication by way of a process in said indication step.

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13. A program which causes a computer to execute a processing performed via a network with an information processing apparatus which acquires content, said program characterized by including:

15 an indication step of indicating that there is outputable content in response to reception of a message indicating that predetermined content is acquired in an information processing apparatus, including position information indicating a position of said predetermined content, and being necessary to acquire said predetermined content; and

an output step of requesting said information processing apparatus to provide said predetermined content, and outputting said predetermined content provided from said information processing apparatus, in a case where said predetermined content is instructed to be outputted in response to indication by way of a process in said indication step.

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